information by India to Pakistan during the monsoon period from 1st July to 10th October, 2002 and Pakistan's offer of reimbursement of costs for such communication during 2001 and 2002. and convey its views. The PIC also finalized its Annual Report on its work for the year ended on 31st March. 2002 and the Records of its 86th and 87th meetings.

(b) Limited utilisation of the water of the Western Rivers (Indus, Jhelum and Chenab) as permitted to India by the Treaty is often being constructed as disadvantageous to India.

(c) Through the Treaty does not have an exit clause, it provides for modification of its provisions by a duly ratified treaty concluded for the purpose between the two Governments. Keeping also in view that the Treaty has provided for certain specified uses of the water of the Western Rivers by India, the matter could be taken up with Pakistan as and when needed.

Memorandum from NPCC Employees

743. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Union representing the employees of National Projects Construction Corporation; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to inqurire into the corruption charges levelled and disciplinary action initiated against those who are found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations made therein were got investigated as per the provisions of the Vigilance Mannual and wherever *prima-facie* charges were established, appropriate disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the concerned employees of NPCC.

Sharing of water between Tamil Nadu and Kerala

744. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the term of agreement on Parambikulam-Aliyar river water has expired;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any step has been taken for revising the term of agreement between Tamil Nadu

(c) the quantity of actual water share being allotted to Sholayar river from Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether Government are aware that the Government of Tamil Nadu failed to allot the due share of water admissible to Kerala;

(e) whether Government would intervene in the matter and urge the Tamil Nadu Government to share the actual quantity of water due to Kerala; and

(f) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The Tamil Nadu-Kerala Inter-State Agreement on the demising or sharing of waters of the rivers in the Bharathapuzha, Chalakudi and Periyar basins which is commonly known as Parambikulam-Aliyar Project Agreement was entered into on 29.05.1970 with retrospective effect from 9.11.1958. According to para 5 (iv) (c), the arrangements embodied in the said Agreement is open to review in the light of the experience gained and to such modifications as may be mutually agreed upon as a result of such review after the expiry of 30 years and once in every 30 years thereafter. The agreement being perpetual, has hence not expired. No review has so far been done.

(c) Tamil Nadu is to deliver 12.3 Thousand Million Cubic feet (TMC) of water annually from July to June at Kerala Sholayar.

(d) to (f) Being an agreement between two State Governments, the Government of India is not kept informed about such releases. The Joint Water Regulation Board constituted under the *Inter-State* agreement is responsible for the proper regulation of waters collected and distributed through the Parambikulam-Aliyar System.

Exemption proposal of Kharland activities of Konkan

745. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government has requested the Ministry of Water Resources for exemption of Kharland activities of Konkan area of Maharashtra from Coastal Regulation Zone; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.